of Child Marriage Act, 2006" (No. 6 of 2007) has been notified in the Gazette of India on 11th January, 2007 and the said Act has been enforced w.e.f. 1.11.2007. The Child Marriage Restraint Act, 1929 is repealed with the enforcement of the said Act. Also, awareness generation and advocacy measures are continuously being undertaken by the Ministry of Women and Child Development in this connection.

Food provided under ICDS

†455. SHRI SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI:
SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the food being given to the pregnant women, breast feeding women and children upto six years of age under the Integrated Child Development Services;

(b) what kind of food should be given to them as per the opinion of the experts; and

(c) whether all such women and children are receiving such benefits?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) and (b) As per the guidelines contained in the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme, the State Government/Union Territory Administrations have the flexibility to select the type of food to be provided as supplementary nutrition to Pregnant and Lactating Mothers and children below six years of age. It could be milk, pre-processed or semi-processed food or food prepared on the spot from locally available food stuff depending upon the category of beneficiaries, location of the project and administrative feasibility.

The scheme also provides that on an average, daily nutritional supplements to the extent of 300 calories and 10 gms. of proteins per child, 500 calories and 15-20 gms. of proteins per pregnant woman/nursing mother, and 600 calories and 20 gms. of proteins per severly malnourished child be provided for 300 days in a year.

(c) Supplementary Nutrition is provided, as per existing guidelines, to all Pregnant and Lactating mothers and children below 6 years of age coming to the Anganwadi Centre.

Resources for targeted children

456. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that millions of poor children in the country are suffering from malnutrition despite Government's allocation of resources for the purpose due to non reaching of resources to the targeted poor children;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the amount allocated by Government for the purpose during each of the last two years, State-wise, alongwith the details of the schemes and the monitoring report of Government regarding intended benefits reaching the targeted poor children?

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) and (b) Despite the availability of resources the problem of malnutrition continues to be a matter of serious concern. Malnutrition is a multifaceted problem, the determinants of which vary from food insecurity, female illiteracy, poor access to health-care, safe drinking water, sanitation and poor purchasing power. Early marriages of girls, teenage pregnancies resulting in low birth weight of the new borns, poor breastfeeding and complementary feeding practices, ignorance about nutritional needs of infants and young children and repeated infections further aggravate the situation.

The Government is seized of the problem of malnutrition and is implementing a number of schemes through out the country, which directly or indirectly improve the nutritional status of women and children.

(c) The Integrated Child Development Services Scheme is a Centrally sponsored Scheme which aims at holistic development of children below six years of age and Pregnant and Lactating Mothers through a package of six services.

The State-wise details of amount released by the Government of India, under ICDS, for the last two years, are given in Statement-I & II (*See* below).

Under the Scheme, records and registers are prescribed at the Anganwadi Centres. Monthly and half yearly progress reports are received from all levels *i.e.* Anganwadi, Block, State level. Ministry compiles information on number of operational projects and AWCs, beneficiaries of supplementary nutrition and pre-school education and nutritional status of children. In addition, quarterly statements of expenditure are also prescribed for the States.

Statement-I

State-wise position of Funds Released and Expenditure Reported by States under ICDS Scheme (General) to the States in 2005-06 and 2006-07

(Rupees in lakh)

Sl. No.	State	2005-06 Released	2006-07 Released
1	2	3	4
1	Andhra Pradesh	14750.69	21877.67
2	Bihar	5036.11	20976.12
3	Chhattisgarh	4412.01	4561.5
4	Goa	373.53	397.96
5	Gujarat	9917.54	12732.62
6	Haryana	5312.47	6015.49
7	Himachal Pradesh	3480.88	2882.29
8	Jammu and Kashmir	4989.19	5410.99
9	Jharkhand	4288.33	7845.37
10	Karnataka	14176.11	19122.28
11	Kerala	5725.65	8115.91

1	2	3	4
12	Madhya Pradesh	9498.48	13002.16
13	Maharashtra	16808.92	20433.15
14	Orissa	10600.69	12137.96
15	Punjab	5591.61	5861.62
16	Rajasthan	7459.77	13809.14
17	Tamil Nadu	15212.94	12786.6
18	Uttaranchal	2861.67	1676.39
19	Uttar Pradesh	31989.58	24768.42
20	West Bengal	19391	17182.73
21	Delhi	1290.03	1379.78
22	Pondicherry	233.684	195.22
23	Andaman & Nicobar	212.824	174.11
24	Chandigarh	156.87	163.41
25	D. & Nagar Haveli	70.1	62.33
26	Deman & Diu*	47.736	56.78
27	Lakshadweep	42.67	38.34
28	Arunachal Pradesh	1780.28	3145.86
29	Assam	22462.56	16077.475
30	Manipur	1664.87	3631.405
31	Meghalaya	2158.35	2114.925
32	Mizoram	1476.66	1573.255
33	Nagaland	2531.64	2471.22
34	Sikkim	354.75	782.6
35	Tripura	2779.91	4475.41
36	Life Insurance Corpn.	800.00	1200.00
	TOTAL	229940.10	269138.48

Statement-II

Details showing release of funds on supplementary nutrition for the years 2005-06 and 2006-07

(Rupees in lakh)

Sl. No.	State/UT	Released 2005-06	Released 2006-07
1	2	3	4
1	Andhra Pradesh	4745.42	9052.04
2	Bihar	8260.92	11828.92
3	Chhattisgarh	3133.33	2953.64
4	Goa	115.13	175.41

1	2	3	4
5	Gujarat	3339.82	4297.21
6	Haryana	1810.62	2829.56
7	Himachal Pradesh	660.00	629.63
8	Jammu and Kashmir	343.56	653.20
9	Jharkhand	761.49	11154.47
10	Karnataka	7379.97	9407.65
11	Kerala	1738.28	3666.11
12	Madhya Pradesh	5457.86	5770.97
13	Maharashtra	9869.23	8443.33
14	Orissa	6697.98	6646.40
15	Punjab	1246.53	3138.07
16	Rajasthan	5534.27	8571.57
17	Tamil Nadu	3703.59	3451.94
18	Uttar Pradesh	18125.13	41902.48
19	Uttarakhand	705.72	1347.89
20	West Bengal	6348.24	5916.07
		89977.09	141836.56
21	A & N Islands	80.39	93.67
22	Chandigarh	76.33	154.76
23	Dadra & N. Haveli	22.59	22.59
24	Damand & Diu	13.74	13.74
25	Lakshadweep	7.52	39.91
		200.57	324.67
26	Delhi	737.49	694.29
27	Pondicherry	85.72	55.03
		823.21	749.32
28	Arunachal Pradesh	113.41	879.60
29	Assam	3066.67	3711.54
30	Manipur	664.58	914.32
31	Meghalaya	687.17	1023.42
32	Mizoram	471.24	488.97
33	Nagaland	929.07	1188.71
34	Sikkim	118.48	95.77
35	Tripura	407.06	707.69
		6457.68	9010.02
	TOTAL	97458.55	151920.57